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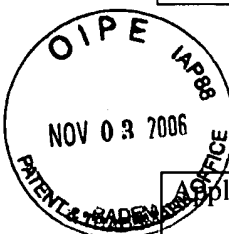
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PATENT

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Applicants: Steinkuhler, *et al.*

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed October 23, 2006, in the above-identified application, having a one-month period for response set to expire Friday, November 24, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are respectfully requested. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

The Office Action states that the application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

- Group I, Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-18, 20, 22, and 24, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide mammalian heparanase, vector, and host cell
- Group II, Claim 19, drawn to isolated polypeptide mammalian heparanase

The Office Action further states that Applicant is required to elect a single one of these inventions to which the claims must be restricted.

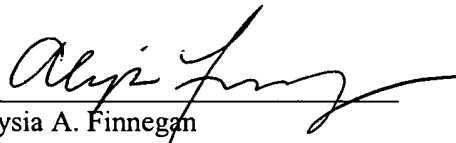
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By way of this response, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-18, 20, 22, and 24, without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to the prosecution of the non-elected claims in a related patent application(s).

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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